Editable Object Backup On Demand

The new automatic backup feature in the Spatial Data Editor is described on the *Automatic Backup Options When Editing* color plate. The automatic backup feature causes less disruption of your work than the periodic saves prompted by the Save Timer because backup is faster (no optimization, no search tree rebuild, and so on) than saving. Automatic backup may result from the passage of a designated period of time or a period of inactivity in the Editor providing changes have been made. You, however, are not at the mercy of these preset timers to determine when your backup is made. You can select Backup Objects from the File menu in the Spatial Data Editor window and all editable layers that have been changed since the last backup was made will be backed up immediately. This can be quite useful if you are trying to track down where a problem occurs.